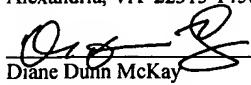




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In re Application of :
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Serial No.: 10/656,496 : Group Art Unit: 1617
Filed: September 5, 2003 : Examiner: TBD
Title METHOD OF PREPARING :
TRICHOLOMA MATSUTAKE-INFECTED :
YOUNG PINE BY COCULTURING ASEPTIC :
PINE SEEDLINGS AND T. MATSUTAKE x

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INFORMATION DISCLOSURE STATEMENT

Sir:

Pursuant to 37 C.F.R. §§ 1.97 and 1.98, Applicant hereby brings to the attention of the United States Patent and Trademark Office the following documents of which Applicant has been made aware. The documents are listed on the attached PTO Form 1449. A copy of the documents are enclosed.

It is requested that the references be considered by the Examiner and be made of record as part of the available prior art under 37 C.F.R. § 1.104.

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